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Expiry Date for PCC Accounts is Nigh

User accounts on the UQKL10 and UQVAX mainframes expire every December 24th, unless the PCC has written notification that a particular user account is required for the following year. Expired accounts are closed and all their files, on and off line, are deleted.

This procedure is required to maintain adequate disk space on the systems and to reduce administrative overheads. Each year many people leave the University without cancelling their accounts to free precious disk space. Expiring accounts is our way of providing you with a better service.

User accounts on UQVM are currently set up with an expiry date nominated by the user. This date remains in force unless altered by the user with the AUTH-UQVM command.

Please remember that you must notify us of your intention to keep your account. Without notification, your account will be closed and all your files (even your backups) will be deleted after December 24, 1989. If you wish to maintain your account fill in the form on the back of this Bulletin and remember not to mix KL10 and UQVAX users on one form. If you require extra forms, they are available at the Help!Desk.

PCC adopts Oracle database standard for compatibility

The PCC has entered into an agreement with the Oracle Corporation, by which Oracle has agreed to make the Oracle relational data base management package available on most of the University's existing and potential computer systems for research and education purposes.

ORACLE runs on a variety of hardware including IBM, Amdahl, DEC, Data General, Prime, Hewlett-Packard, AT&T, Sperry, Stratus, Honeywell, Harris, Wang, NCR, Pyramid, Sun, Apollo, Nixdorf, Olivetti, Toshiba, Hitachi, Fujitsu and Siemens systems. Among the operating systems ORACLE supports are VM/SP, MVS/SP, MVS/XA, MS-DOS, UNIX, VMS, AOS/VS, PRIMOS and other proprietary operating systems.

Oracle products abound in the information technology world. In addition to relational DBMS products, Oracle offers tools for professional programmers, application developers and end-users. Oracle products use SQL, the industry-standard relational database language.

ORACLE runs on a variety of mainframe, mini and personal computers, and is thus a potential corporate standard DBMS. As computing demands change, ORACLE applications can be ported from one machine to another with virtually no modifications.

ORACLE's distributed architecture lets ORACLE data and applications reside on multiple computers and still communicate transparently thus making optimal use of computing resources.

For further information contact the Program Librarian, Vern Bawden, on 377 3022.

AUSTPAC charges on the increase

Telecom has recently increased charges for its national and international packet-switched network service, AUSTPAC.

Users of AUSTPAC will notice an increase of around 10% for calls within Australia. Connect time charges to overseas sites have increased by about 40%. Overseas traffic charges remain unchanged.

People accessing AUSTPAC via PSI mail, or the SET HOST /X29 command, or those who have an X.25 line, are now paying the following rates.

NATIONAL CALLS

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(Mon-Fri 0800–1800)	$0.46	$1.38
After Hours	$0.046	$0.69

OVERSEAS CALLS

$12.42	$12.65

The cost of COLOURED BOOK mail has also increased.

NATIONAL CALLS: $0.04 basic call cost + $0.0226 per kilobyte

OVERSEAS CALLS: $0.36 basic call cost + $0.24 per kilobyte

If you'd like more information on network mail facilities, obtain the PCC FactSheets *Electronic Mail* (2) and *VAX PSI-UQVAX* (3), available from the Help!Desk on Level 2, Hawken Building, Ph 377 3025

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Change of Expiry Date for KL10 or UQVAX Accounts to 24 December 1990

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UQKL10 Accounts ☐ **UQVAX Accounts** ☐

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Please note: Don't mix UQKL10 and UQVAX accounts on one form. If you deal with both types, make a copy of this form and use a separate form for each.

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